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# Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

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| 1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER | | 2. DATE OF FILING |
|---|---|---|
| The De Smet News | | Sept. 18, 2003 |
| 3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE | 3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY | 3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE |
| weekly | 52 | $25 & $32 |

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)

220 Calumet Ave SE, De Smet, SD, Kingsbury County, 57231-0069

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)

220 Calumet Ave., P.O. Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:

Dale Blegen

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

| FULL NAME | COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS |
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| Blegen Publishing, Inc. | P.O. Box 69, De Smet, SD 57231-0069 |

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.

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| A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run) | 1,700 | 1,700 |
| B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION<br>1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales. | 285 | 284 |
| 2. Mail Subscription<br>(Paid and or requested) | 1,035 | 1,005 |
| C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION<br>(Sum of 9B1 and 9B2) | 1,320 | 1,289 |
| D. FREE DISTRIBUTION<br>1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS | 21 | 21 |
| 2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES | 3 | 3 |
| E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2) | 1,344 | 1,313 |
| F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED<br>1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing | 356 | 387 |
| 2. Return from News Agents | | |
| G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A) | 1,700 | 1,700 |

**I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.**

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER

Dale Blegen, Publisher

**State of South Dakota** )

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Sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 2003

Marie Langland

Notary Public

My commission expires 6-6-2008

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